AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listings of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1.   (Cancelled)

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended) A method for locking a camera in a portable terminal ~~by means of a cipher apparatus connected to the portable terminal, the portable terminal includes the camera for photographing an image, a memory for storing secret codes, an image processor for processing the photographed image, and a display unit for displaying the processed image~~, the method comprising the steps of:

(1) ~~the~~ a cipher apparatus receiving information from the portable terminal, establishing a secret code, and transmitting ~~enciphered~~ data being enciphered comprising the secret code by using information of the portable terminal;

(2) the portable terminal receiving the enciphered data and stopping an operation of the camera; and

(3) the cipher apparatus receiving information reporting a locked state of the camera, and storing and displaying the secret code and a telephone number of the portable terminal.

4.   The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein step (1) comprises the steps of:

the cipher apparatus requesting time information and the telephone number of the portable terminal;

the portable terminal transmitting the time information and the telephone number of the portable terminal;

the cipher apparatus receiving the time information and the telephone number of the portable terminal, establishing the secret code, and enciphering the secret code by means of the time information; and

the cipher apparatus transmitting enciphered data obtained from the secret code.

5.   The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein step (2) comprises the steps of:
storing the secret code in the memory of the portable terminal; and
stopping an operation of the image processor.

6.   The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein data are exchanged through a cable to lock the camera of the portable terminal.

7.   The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein data are exchanged wirelessly, to lock the camera of the portable terminal.

8.   A method for releasing a locked state of a camera in a portable terminal by means of a cipher apparatus connected to the portable terminal, the portable terminal includes the camera for photographing an image, a memory for storing secret codes, an image processor for processing the photographed image, and a display unit for displaying the processed image, the method comprising the steps of:
(1) the cipher apparatus receiving information of the portable terminal, and obtaining a secret code for the locked state of the camera from a database;
(2) the cipher apparatus transmitting enciphered data obtained from the secret code;
(3) the portable terminal receiving and deciphering the enciphered data, and comparing the secret code received from the cipher apparatus with one of the secret codes stored in the memory; and
(4) enabling the camera to operate when the secret code matches said one of the secret codes stored in the memory.

9.   The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein step (4) comprises the steps of:
enabling the image processor to operate; and
transmitting information reporting a released state of the camera to the cipher apparatus.

10.   The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein data is exchanged through a cable to release the locked state of the camera of the portable terminal.

11.   The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein data is exchanged wirelessly to release the locked state of the camera of the portable terminal.

12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Cancelled)